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- 11. (C) Poloff delivered reftel demarche on February 25 to MFA Director for OAS Affairs Carlos Ortega. Ortega expressed interest in USG plans to raise issues of concern at the March 3 Permanent Council meeting, and said he would consult with his colleagues regarding reftel talking points. Post will report any further response via septel.
- $\P 2.$ (C) Ortega and several other MFA contacts also denied rumors that the GOP would nominate outgoing Peruvian PermRep Maria Zavala for the SYG position, and said it appears current SYG Jose Miguel Insulza will remain the only candidate. McKinley